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In re the PATENT application of

Thomas Mabry

Serial No.: 09/641,685

Filed: August 18, 2000

For: Locking Device for Microchannel Plate in Image Amplifier Tube

Group Art Unit: 2879

Examiner: Berck, Kennet

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is an Amendment (5 pages).

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 - 3 and in their place enter new claims 12 - 14 below. Please enter an amended claim 4 as shown below. Please refer to the Appendix for a version of the claim with markings to see the changes made.

The image intensifier of claim 13 wherein the collar is supported in the housing by at

least a peripheral retention member.

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